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## 60th Air Mobility Wing Out in Front

By Col Dave Lefforge  
60th AMW Commander

The first week in August is usually marked by many events and this one is no different—but this year the eighth month is more indelibly marked by tire to tarmac, “dye in the blue wool” Air Force work. As you know, it has been nearly eleven months since the worst attacks on American soil, and we remain as busy as ever — an operations tempo that comprises a new normal not just for Travis but throughout the Air Force.

At Travis, the continuation of Operation Enduring Freedom doesn't represent a change in what we do — but it has represented an increase in what we do, by at least a third. What it also has meant, throughout the last several months, is an increase in public support and interest in our global capabilities.

Though there are fewer flags waving today than there were in the weeks immediately following the attacks of Sept. 11, our community continues to show its support in many ways. Whether it is supporting local base initiatives, volunteering, or remembering our fallen, the Travis community has been there for us.

Examples of this patriotic spirit are everywhere... and I'd like to thank Department of California's American Legion Auxiliary, past president **Madelaine Lee** and Deputy **Kelli Eberle-Germeraad**, for their organization's donation of \$5,000 to the Travis Fisher House. The Fisher House is there when the military family needs help — and this donation will go a long way towards ensuring the best, affordable lodging for servicemen and women and their loved ones when extensive medical care is needed.

I'd like to also note that in the upcoming weeks, several organizations and municipalities will be coordinating Sept. 11 commemorative events. While the day of that tragic anniversary will be on all our minds, the weeks leading up to it will also be important, because it will be a time when

we will be able to show the country and the world that Travis is still delivering forces and resources worldwide, ensuring global mobility and agile combat support when and where it is needed. Though this is a business we've been in for many years, and we tend to be a modest sort, we know it is important to tell our fellow Americans about our mission and to communicate our capabilities globally.

When we take a picture of you in your workplace, whether at home or deployed and publish it on our website — it sends a message. An adversary may think twice before doing something against the U.S. — particularly after seeing an image of a C-5 down loading hundreds of soldiers or when they hear about the KC-10 ... and how it enables U.S. power projection to the furthest corners of the world.

Next time a 60th Air Mobility Wing photographer wants to take your picture — don't be shy. Consider the positive implications of what that photo can do.

If we flashback to a year ago, Travis was similar to most military bases in the Continental United States — primarily engaged in missions “over there” delivering people and resources to distant, remote places to accomplish objectives many Americans were not too familiar with.

Today, our countrymen are far more in tune, in a national sense, with their armed forces. They have seen, as we have all seen, the effects of our adversaries on our own soil. In our local communities, our neighbors are also more interested and concerned ... more appreciative of the work you do. They have shown renewed patriotism and commitment to supporting those in uniform. They recognize it takes a robust and healthy military to counter terrorism and preserve the American way of life. I know I'm



Arielle Kohn/Visual Information  
Col. Jan Swickard, 60th Air Mobility Wing Vice Commander renders a salute to Col. Dave Lefforge, 60th Air Mobility Wing Commander after receiving the Legion of Merit Medal at the Wing Stand Up on Wednesday.

“preaching to the choir” when I say it is important each and everyone is vigilant and mindful ... particularly as we approach this one year remembrance.

Leading up to that week in September, we will have several other events.

I know you're hearing quite a bit about the upcoming **Expeditionary Readiness Inspection, Initial Response**

scheduled in October ... which will be preceded by at least two exercises, with the first set for next week Aug. 15 to 18. As we participate in these dry runs and the inspection lets consider it an opportunity to show off the great work you do every day.

**General and Mrs John W. Handy**, Commander of Air Mobility Command and U.S. Transportation Command, and all the wing and group commanders in 15th Air Force, will be visiting soon. While we always put our best feet forward, I need your help to pay attention to the many details needed to spruce up our buildings and landscapes. Pick up the trash and pull the weeds around your facilities...and get

them looking especially good. It means a great deal for us all!

### Simply the Best

You deserve the best we can offer, because you give yours daily ... and many of you stand out through achievement and other recognition programs.

This week I'd like to take the opportunity to recognize a number of folks for their selection to become officer trainees ... many congratulations to **Staff Sgt. Carl Ivey** of the 60th Support Squadron, **Staff Sgt. Kevin Paulini** of the 60th CRS, **Senior Airman Geoffrey Schurman** of 60 Aerial Port Squadron, **Staff Sgt. Michael Thomas**, 660th Aircraft Generation Squadron, and **Staff Sgt. Dennis Wright** of the 60th Operations Support Squadron. The Air Force has great expectations of you ... but I know you'll bring your best effort, and will serve your nation well!

Speaking of the best ... not too soon from now, a lot of our kids will be headed back to school and all the homework, sports and other school activities. Make the opportunities during the next couple of weeks to spend some extra time with them ... since their own “OPSTEMPO” is about to go into full swing!

Have a great weekend you awesome warriors!

## Tailwind

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**On the cover:** Team Travis maintenance crews at a forward-operating location work together for a C-5 mission. See page 3 for more.

# Giving 'Fred' the edge

## Maintainers keep C-5 Galaxy fit at tip of the sword

By Staff Sgt. Jim Verchio  
782nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Public Affairs

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — The mission almost sounds simple. Step a crew to the plane, fly it into the area of operations, pick up the cargo and head home.

That's exactly what's happening at a forward operating location, but it's not that simple.

Sending the C-5 into the international airport in Kandahar, Afghanistan not only takes the skilled precision of aircrews, it also takes the men and women behind the scenes to make sure the aircraft is ready and safe to fly into harm's way.

Staged with the aircrews are the men and women of the 730th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron. Comprised mostly of personnel from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., the team of mobility warriors is attributing the mission's success to one simple factor — teamwork.

"The reason we've been so successful is because everyone is pitching in to make it happen," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Hammett, the production superintendent who is deployed from the 349th Aircraft Generation Squadron at Travis. "We have specialists helping crew chiefs, and fuels guys helping hydraulics troops. Everyone knows the importance of this mission, and they're doing whatever it takes to get the job done."

Getting the job done means having the C-5 ready every day when the crews step to the jet. The maintenance team has been faced with some obstacles, but ingenuity and hard work have paid off.

"What we've been able to do here is remarkable," said Maj. David Coley, commander of the 60th Aircraft Generation Squadron and who is heading up the maintenance effort for the 730th EAMS.

The commander said that when the mission was assigned to the C-5, planning for success started straight away.

"We knew from the onset that even the slightest setback would be unacceptable," Coley said. "We set ourselves up for success by hand-picking only the best of the best maintainers. We came in here with one mobility bin of supplies, and we've made it happen. We've made a very small footprint, but a really big impact."

From leadership to the youngest airman on the line, the mission of extracting Canadian equipment and personnel from Afghanistan has elevated the already high level of job satisfaction.

"This is so much different than the missions we perform at home," said Senior Airman Joe Williams, a crew chief deployed here from the 60th AGS at Travis. "When we launch out missions at Travis, the plane leaves empty, is gone for weeks and returns empty. Here, we send an empty plane down range, and it returns full of cargo that's been defending freedom in Afghanistan. We've put in a lot of sweat equity, and it's awesome to see the fruit of our efforts."

Although teamwork has been key to this mission, one noncommissioned officer says it's the right of passage that makes it rewarding.

"It's [the mission] a success because we made sure the younger troops were informed every step of the way," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Bridgeforth, a crew chief from the 60th AGS who is deployed here. "We briefed them from the beginning on how important this mission is to the Air Force, especially the C-5 community. The seasoned veterans have been able to pass along a wealth of information to the younger guys, and now they're the ones making it happen. They know it's not just the first sortie that was important, it's every sortie, every time."

Although the mission has been very demanding on maintenance, leadership is extremely pleased on how things have turned out, and how the troops are really stepping up to the plate.



Staff Sgt. Jim Verchio / 782nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Public Affairs

Maintenance people at a forward-operating location change an engine on a C-5 Galaxy. The C-5s from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and Dover AFB, Del., were used to transport forces and equipment from the international airport in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

"Right now we're having to force people to take time off," said Capt. Aaron Sasson, a maintenance officer from the 60th Logistics Group. "They want to be here to launch and recover every sortie. These guys are really making it happen, and it's really enjoyable to be part of something like this."

Right now the numbers are proof that the C-5 can get the mission done. The aircraft is 22 for 22 for missions heading into Kandahar, and supervision knows as much as it is the machine that makes it possible, without the men and women in the trenches, it just wouldn't happen.

Quoting retired Gen. Colin Powell, the Commander of the 782 Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Lt. Col. Mark "Marshall" Dillon said, "Perpetual optimism

is a force multiplier." He went on to say that it's important the right aircraft is chosen for the right mission, however, it's the attitude and professionalism of the personnel that make sure the team achieves nothing less than total mission success.

When the mission is complete, the C-5 will have shown the world what its crews and maintainers have known all along.

"The C-5, when it's properly supported, is the most critical asset to strategic airlift," Sasson said.

"When we have what we need to do the job, coupled with the best people, we bring global reach and mobility to a level that no other aircraft can come close to achieving."

## Some AEF deployments will be longer than three months

WASHINGTON — While Air Force leaders remain committed to the current air and space expeditionary force construct of three-month deployments in a 15-month window, about 10 to 15 percent of the deployed force will be gone longer, based upon current requirements, Air Force officials said.

Extended tour lengths are becoming necessary to fill shortfalls in certain stressed career fields caused, in part, by demobilizing Reserve and Guard forces and releasing most Air Force specialties from Stop-Loss to meet end-strength requirements.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, understands the contributions required by the total force to allow the Air Force to succeed in the war on terrorism.

"As I talk with airmen and their families around the world, I understand the stress and sacrifices our con-

tinuing high operations tempo levies on many of our people," Jumper said in a July 23 letter to airmen worldwide. "The Secretary (of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche) and I want to express our gratitude and admiration to everyone supporting this critical effort. A grateful American public recognizes and appreciates your dedication and hard work as well."

The Air Force has begun to identify the stressed career fields that could be affected by longer tour lengths. The initial specialties include: security forces, office of special investigations, civil engineers, fire fighters, intelligence, transportation, explosive ordnance disposal, combat control, command post, fuels, liquid fuels, communications, air command and warning, air battle managers, pilots and enlisted aircrews.

Not all of the people in these stressed career fields

will be deployed longer than three months, but many will, said Maj. Gen. Tim Peppe, special assistant for air and space expeditionary forces.

"We don't know the full magnitude of it yet," Peppe said. "The AEF Center is currently sourcing the requirements for AEF 5/6. We've already notified some people in AEFs 3/4 that they'd be staying for up to 179 days."

Peppe said the reaction from people who were told they would be deployed longer was varied.

"I think quite frankly they would have preferred that the Air Force told them they'd be staying longer before they went," Peppe said. "Clearly, our goal is to work three-month deployments for everyone, but with

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## NEWS NOTES

### Blood drive

There will be a blood drive August 16 at the Travis Conference Center from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. T-Shirts will be given to the donors. For more information, contact Senior Airman Lobermier at 424-0939.

### MPF Closure

Due to the 60th Mission Support Squadron Picnic the Military Personnel Flight will be closed on August 23. ID cards will be issued by the 349th Air Mobility Wing customer service section Building 239. The base Education Center will close at 11 a.m. and the First Term Airman Center will be closed at noon.

### Auditions

Auditions will be held for the Travis youth Center's Russian style ballet's Christmas performance on August 26. The following times for the auditions will be 6 p.m. for ages three to seven, 7 p.m. for ages seven and up, and 8 p.m. for jazz dancers. To be eligible to audition you must be enrolled in the ballet program at the Youth Center. For more information call Jenny Doyle at 437-1374.

### Proper Courtesies

Please remember proper customs and courtesies when out and about. One in particular is rendering the proper salute when vehicles pass by that are marked with the insignia of an O-6 and above.

### ANG Opportunities

The Hayward Air National Guard Station is looking to fill some critical career fields. The career fields needed are Engineering Assistant, Electronic computer and Switching Systems, Ground Radio, Satcom and Wideband, and services. Those leaving active duty who are interested should call Staff Sgt. Vic Dumlao at (510) 264-5603.

### Raising Funds

There will be a car wash fundraiser on Wednesday at the Family Support Center parking lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Yountville Veteran's home. All funds raised will aid in Travis' personnel's yearly visit to the home. Anyone interested in volunteering can call 424-3777.

# Practice makes perfect Travis prepares for EORI

Story and photo by 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo  
60th AMW Public Affairs

An Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection Initial Response preparation exercise will be conducted here Aug. 15 to 18, involving about 1,175 Travis members and about 800 short tons of cargo. This exercise is a dry run to prepare for an official, major inspection scheduled Oct. 15 to 23, which will examine the efficiency, effectiveness and combat readiness of Travis units with a wartime or contingency tasking.

A variety of equipment and personnel Unit Tasking Codes will be used during the dry run exercise next week. However, all Team Travis members should be ready to participate even if they are not part of a UTC because the exercise will examine and test the entire base. For example, inspectors will randomly check drivers throughout the installation for proper seatbelt usage during the exercise.

"While the July Cargo Rodeo focused on just one part of the mobility process, the August dry run will allow us to take a critical look at the entire deployment machine in motion," said Maj. Steve Lipscomb, wing lead for IR inspection preparation. "The realism gained during the dry run will focus our attention on details helping to ensure our 'outstanding' rating during the actual inspection."

Most active duty personnel will participate in the exercise on Thursday and Friday while most Reservists and other Travis members will participate on Saturday and Sunday.

The exercise will be conducted under 24-hour operations, including the activation of the Crisis Action Team. It will start with base notification of a massive deployment and will proceed up to but not include engine startup. An exercise evaluation team

will also monitor the event and provide feedback to participants.

Other key players include the Disaster Control Center, 60th Aerial Port Squadron, Deployment Personnel Unit, Group Control Centers and Unit Control Centers. Additionally, Unit Deployment Managers will work closely with designated people tasked to fill personnel UTCs.

"Our goals are to ensure our people are adequately trained to perform their jobs, that our deployment processes implement higher headquarters' directives and enable us to deploy personnel and cargo within pre-established time constraints," Lipscomb said.

A significant part of the exercise involves the DPU because it will process every deploying member.

"The DPU is activated to support the deployment of Team Travis, ensuring members meet eligibility requirements and are provided other services including, immunizations, medical clearance, powers of attorney, chaplain counseling, financial counseling and personnel support such as current identification cards, dog tags, Department of Defense Form 93s. We ensure our personnel are ready to go to war," said Capt. Julie Wiemer, Chief, Customer Support in the Military Personnel Flight.

Maintaining an updated DoD Form 93 is very important because it provides for death notification to next of kin. Problems occur when people arrive without required deployment documents like dog tags or old ID cards.

As part of the DPU, members go to public health for medical screening and immunizations. If deploying personnel do not have current immunizations, they will get their shots in the line. The DPU also includes representatives from finance, legal, the chaplain's office, intelligence and



Staff Sgt. April Badertscher, a medical technician, gives an immunization shot to Airman 1st Class Daniel Smith at David Grant Medical Center. Current immunizations are required for all personnel on mobility status. People should get immunizations from their empanelled clinic where they receive routine medical care. For more information, call the immunizations clinic at 423-5104.

the Office of Special Investigations will also provide briefings about specific topics.

Deploying personnel should be able to get on the aircraft approximately two hours after going through the line. Aircrew members go through a separate, one-stop line.

Go to the 60th Air Mobility Wing Plans homepage at <http://w3.travis.af.mil/xp/wing-plans/xpi/xpi.htm> for more information. This Web site contains reports for previous inspections conducted at other bases, handouts and a draft of the Installation Deployment Plan.

## Rumsfeld: Leaking classified info 'outrageously irresponsible'

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 23, 2002 — Anyone in DoD who would leak classified information to the press is so "outrageously irresponsible" that an investigation to find that person is worth the cost, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said July 22.

Rumsfeld ordered the Air Force's Office of Special Investigation to look into a leak that is the purported basis of a July 5 New York Times article on a secret war plan for an attack on Iraq. The information in the article allegedly came from a top-secret document provided by an anonymous defense official.

"I think anyone who has a position where they touch a war plan has an obligation to not leak it to the press or anybody else, because it kills people," Rumsfeld said in a Pentagon press briefing.

He was adamant that the person who leaked the document should be jailed. He said people could get killed if others start treating "war plans like paper airplanes" they can fly to anybody who wants them.

"I think it is so egregious, so terrible, that I decided to have an investigation notwithstanding the cost," Rumsfeld said.

According to military legal experts, jail time for such a crime is a

real possibility. A senior defense official explained military people caught leaking classified information can be charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and civilians, under the Espionage Act.

"Depending on the severity of the leak, people caught passing classified information could spend significant time in jail under the Espionage Act and the UCMJ," he said. In times of war, the death penalty is even a possibility if the leak were egregious enough, he added.

At a minimum, individuals caught leaking classified information would lose their security clearances, which usually means the loss of their jobs as well, the official said.

During the briefing, Rumsfeld also said DoD employees who know of leaks should come forward. "I hope that if there's anyone in the Department of Defense who knows who did that, that they will give someone in a position of responsibility that information, because they have every bit as big an obligation to do that as they do to not release it in the first place," he said.

Rumsfeld also vehemently dismissed the notion that someone might have leaked the information to expose a flawed plan, thus saving lives. "There is nothing you could say that would lead me to believe that the individual was well motivated and trying to serve his country by violating federal criminal law — nothing you could say," he said.

# Thank you, Team Travis

## ViewPoint

Senior Airman Anthony Schumacher  
60th Component Repair Squadron

Since September 1998, I have had the distinct and honorable privilege of working for one of the greatest organizations in the world — the U.S. Air Force. Our combined knowledge and teamwork allow us to defend the men and women of our country while reaping benefits incomparable to businesses in today's economy. After serving the Air Force with one of the best teams of professionals, Team Travis, I am living proof of some of the rewards one can reap from serving our country. For this I am ever so thankful.

An article was published in the *Tailwind* profiling some of my accomplishments at the end of April. My original hopes for the article were to help other airmen become aware of the opportunities the Air Force has to offer, but it turned out to more or less be about me. I am now of out-processing to leave August 1, to take advantage of an offer that was extended to me, but before I left I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for all that Team Travis and the Air Force has done to better my life.

I joined the Air Force to take advantage of the Montgomery GI Bill after I completed my four-year enlistment. Through the guidance of my supervisors and the encouragement of my peers I became motivated to take advantage of the many educational benefits offered at Travis while fulfilling my original service commitment. I have also had the pleasure of sharpening my leadership skills by representing nearly 1,500 Travis dorm residents as the base dorm council president. Through the teamwork of the dorm council representatives, dorm managers and the senior leadership on base we were able to concentrate on improving the quality of life in the dorms.

I enjoyed most of all the things I learned while serving my country as an Aerospace Ground Equipment Mechanic for the 60th Component Repair Squadron. I am proud to have been a part of the AGE team, which ensures that our country's aircraft have the equipment needed to support maintenance on the flightline. Most of all, in the process of being part of Team Travis, I have met many professionals that have made a profound impact on me and have helped to mold me into the airman I am today.

For all the many experiences I have had, serving here for the last three and a half years, I feel I owe a lot of people a debt of gratitude. Command Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson, thank you for the many hours of mentoring and the excellent standard you have set in taking care of the enlisted men and women at Travis. I will always remember that the most important quality of leadership is taking care of the people who work for you. To Chief Master Sgt. Francis Imlay, thank you also for the personal mentoring and the advice that was often something I did not want to hear. I realize now that even though I may not have liked what you were telling me, you knew what it took to motivate me. To

Elwood Wilkerson, a retired chief master sergeant, thank you for being a father figure to a boy who lost his parents, and for helping to develop me into the man I am today. I also look forward to working with great leaders like those I have worked with that currently serve at Travis, like Staff Sgt Alton Randle, Airman Leadership School instructor, Master Sgt. Timothy McKinney, unaccompanied housing manager, and Capt. Manuel Perez, Propulsion Flight commander.

To the first sergeants, dorm managers and nearly 1,500 dorm residents at Travis, thank you for allowing me to help make improvements throughout the dormitory area. It taught me that every person in the world can have a profound and positive effect on all the people around them and helped me to develop my leadership and speech skills. To the men and women of the 60th CRS, I am proud to have worked with such a professional team of maintainers. The NCOs throughout the squadron always strive to develop the airmen into the technical

experts the Air Force needs to maintain our mission. Most of all, thank you to my immediate supervisors over the last few years; you have made apparent to me the many opportunities available to all airmen.

Some advice to my fellow airmen: Take advantage of the opportunities the Air Force has to offer while still serving; but be sure to remember that our mission is to protect our country. Work hard to achieve whatever goals you set and be sure to make your supervisors aware of your intentions so they can help you reach your dreams. Remember your supervisor's main job is to ensure the mission is being completed. It takes hard work and dedication to achieve your objectives.

Team Travis, thank you again, for the opportunity to serve with the best professionals in the Air Force. I will always remember the many lessons I learned as an airman, and will use them when it becomes my chance to lead the professionals in our great organization.

# Travis Visitor's Center Damaged

## Auto accident results in poor decision-making

By 60th AMW Public Affairs and 60th Security Forces

The Travis Visitor Control Center building was damaged and no one was injured Monday at approximately 4 a.m., when a 21 year old male, non-base affiliated civilian under the influence of alcohol, drove at "highway speeds," towards the main gate in his 1991 Acura Integra, subsequently hitting the median in front of the gate, then careening more than fifty feet into the nearby parking lot.

Preliminary investigation by Travis and Fairfield police revealed the driver had a blood alcohol content more than twice the legal limit. Fairfield police apprehended the individual.

According to base security forces, the driver reportedly accelerated towards the main gate under the assumption Air Base Parkway was highway I-80. After hitting the median, the out of control vehicle continued through the parking lot, over the curb and straight through the exterior wall of the Visitor Control Center, which sent debris from the facility to the entry way of the Main Gate.

Travis security forces and civil engineers are working together to determine estimated repair costs to the visitor's center. For the time being, security forces have relocated the operation to a trailer in the parking lot which will provide customer service, according to 60th Security Forces squadron commander, Lt. Col. Harry Kimberly.



Staff Sgt. Jim Verchio / 782nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Public Affairs

**A snip in time:** Staff Sgt. Thomas D'Angelo, an engine craftsman assigned to the 730th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, deployed from the 349th Component Repair Squadron, prepares to align an engine to the engine stand at a forward operating location. Members of the 730th EAMS are deployed to support Travis and Dover Air Force Base, Del., which are sending in the C-5 to extract Canadian Forces and equipment from the international airport in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

# Playing it safe

2nd Lt. Adam Bryant  
60th Communications Squadron

If there's an activity out there, chances are you can do it in the Travis area. Snowboarding and skiing are only as far away as the mountains, and the Bay Area offers almost any other type of recreation known to man. It's important to be safe while doing any activity, but I'll narrow it down to just three areas: Racing, jumping, and climbing.

## Racing Things

**Automobiles** — First, if you're racing on the street, you're breaking the law. The California Highway Patrol has been paying a lot of attention to illegal street racing. Just because you survived driving recklessly yesterday doesn't mean you can survive it tomorrow. CHP can impound your car if they find you were racing. They can keep your car anywhere from 30 days to permanently, depending on the severity of the case. Unfortunately, most of the street racers they find have already crashed. If you witness street racing, the CHP asks you to call 1-800-TELL-CHP to report it. If you have a need for speed, get involved with a sanctioned racing club and do it legitimately.

**Personal Watercraft** — Wave runners and jet skis can be fun. They look so easy to operate, and can give you a false sense of security. These are dangerous toys. Make sure you know how your craft operates — what it can do and what it can't do. Don't find out the hard way. Also, know the laws, navigational marks and signs. Just as with a boat, always wear a personal flotation device. More than 60 percent of boating fatalities are caused by drowning, so there's no excuse to be without a life vest. Always stay to the right of other water vehicles. About 76 percent of all PWC accidents in 1998 were collisions - 70 percent with other vessels, and 6 percent with fixed objects. Remember, sailboats, commercial boats and fishing vessels have the right of way.

When driving an personal watercraft or automobiles, drugs and alcohol are strictly off-limits.

## Jumping from Things

**Bungee Jumping** — Bungee jumping is as safe as whoever operates the event. The State of California looks at it as a ride and requires the operators to file for an Amusement and Ride Operating Permit. Do some heavy research on anybody that is willing to send you over a bridge or off a cliff. Also, let your supervisor know if you're going to be doing any high-risk activity like this.

**Skydiving** — Why anyone would jump out of a perfectly good airplane is beyond me, but if you use your head and follow procedures, skydiving can be done relatively safely. According to [www.dropzone.com](http://www.dropzone.com), "just like with any other extreme sport . . . there is a direct relationship between your knowledge, skill and attitude, and your chances of survival." Many of the annual skydiving fatalities are from students, so if you choose to jump, pay explicit attention to safety. There are too many particulars about this sport to cover here, but listen to your instructors. You can find additional safety resources at [www.dropzone.com/safety](http://www.dropzone.com/safety).

## Climbing on things

**Rock Climbing** — Rock climbing is, by its very nature, a dangerous activity. The fun of climbing is decision making: the proper holds to use, the routes you're capable of climbing and the information you decide to trust. Of course, the higher you climb and the farther you are from civilization, the greater the risk. Indoor climbing gyms can be safe year-round ways to hone your skills. Make sure you have all the appropriate gear and inspect it regularly. Replace equipment immediately when it shows signs of wear. Invest in a good pair of climbing boots and wear a helmet. Be physically and mentally prepared to climb, stretching properly and planning the climb out in your head.

Safety is not just a good idea — it's mandatory. As military men and women, we're held to a higher safety standard even when off-duty. Be smart and weigh the consequences of the "things" you're doing. It may be that moment of hesitation that saves your life.

## Military Personnel and Immediate Family

To reach members of your family in times of emergency need, call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at (877) 272-7337.



American Red Cross

## Career on hold?

The Family Support Center Family Member Employment Assistance Program help you explore your potential. Call 424-2486.

## Changes in preschool program

60th Services Squadron

The purpose of the Travis Child Development centers is to fill the childcare needs of parents working full-time at Travis. During the last Air Force evaluation, it was determined that while the needs of many parents are being met, the waiting list is too long and changes need to take place to offer more full-time childcare.

To create more openings, the part-time preschool program previously held at CDC 2 will be replaced with a full-time preschool program beginning Sep 3. Parents who currently have children in the part-time class are welcome to stay at CDC 2, but they will be required to enroll for full-day whether they stay for 3 hours or 10 hours a day.

The preschool program offers enrichment activities and educational opportunities for children ages 3, 4 and 5 to help prepare them for Kindergarten. They work on number and letter reading and writing, learn their name and address, learn about their community and do hands-on activities to build small and large motor skills.

To register for the full-day preschool program, parents must request care by filling out an AF Form 2606.



Courtesy photo

The current part-day preschool program offered at Child Development Center 2 will be discontinued and a full-time preschool for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds will take its place in September to make room for children on the waiting list. For more information, call Alan Tornay at 424-5400.

## Yacht Club entertains teens

By Linda Mann  
60th Services Squadron

At the North end of the Golden Gate Bridge, in a little town called Sausalito, there is a marina open to Travis personnel called the Travis Sailing Center. The Presidio Yacht Club is based at the Sailing Center and holds events, teaches sailing classes and hosts boat races. Last week the Yacht Club invited Travis youth to the Sailing Center for a day on the San Francisco Bay.

"It was a lot of fun. They taught the kids about sailing, and even let them handle some of the ropes and steer the boats," said Teen Center director, Larry Williams.

The group of 16 youth from the Teen Zone took a bus to the Sailing Center the morning of July 15. They were briefed on the sailing safety and the importance of the wind to sailing. Then they were taken on a tour of the San Francisco Bay by sailboat.

"We went under the Golden Gate Bridge, saw Pier 39, and went through Raccoon Straits and around Angel Island and Alcatraz. The kids had a great time sailing and watching the sea otters," said Williams.

The youth and their adult leaders were split up in groups on five different sailboats. Some of them were owned by the Sailing Center and skippered by the staff and two volunteer skippers from the yacht club donated their time and the use of their boats to make the trip a success.

"We are very grateful to the volunteers: SSgt. Mario Masson who drove our bus and Carl Lischeske and Bob Hallen who skippered their own boats," Williams said.

For more information about the Travis Sailing Center call (415) 456-3495. For a schedule of planned Teen Center field trips and activities check out their web page at [www.60thServices.com](http://www.60thServices.com) or their calendar in the Services Events magazine.



Courtesy photo

Krisden Kidd had a chance to steer a sailboat in San Francisco Bay as part of the Teen Day on the Bay at the Travis Sailing Center.



## SQUADRON SPOTLIGHT

### TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

## 60th Component Repair Squadron

#### Commander

Maj Lori Bass

#### First Sergeant

Master Sgt. Alfredo Saldivar

#### Mission

The 60th Component Repair Squadron provides vital repair of avionics components and propulsion systems for Travis 37 C-5 aircraft, and operates one of AMC's two Engine Regional Repair Centers to provide mission ready engine spares in support of the entire active and reserve C-5 TF-39-GE-1C engine fleet. Inspects, services, and repairs 746 pieces of powered and non-powered aerospace ground equipment (AGE) to support AMC's global mission. Responsible for the regional Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment Laboratory, calibrating over 7,400 items annually supporting flying, back shop, and support operations throughout the wing and for DoD agencies from the west coast to Nevada.

The efforts of the 300 active duty, civilian, and contract personnel of the 60 CRS are complimented by their partnership with the men and women of the 349th CRS. That partnership has always been, and remains critical to daily success of the CRS mission, but at no time was it more evident than with the activation of at least 50 personnel from the 349th to support the increased ops tempo and deployment commitment that took 96 CRS troops to more than 20 different locations worldwide in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

#### Accomplishments and Unit Recognition

The ERRC achieved premier readiness levels in 2001 - Travis reached a 7 - year high of 31 spare C-5 engines; Jet Dispatch section earned the CSAF Team Excellence Award for "Best AF Team, 2001"; Electronic Warfare section was recognized as "Best Practice" Air Force wide, and the "Best Electronic

Warfare Unit in AMC" with the HQ AMC Association of Old Crows Award for 2001; Wing Commander's Eagle Trophy, Jan-Mar 02.

#### Individual Recognition

TSgt Jamie Lanier, 15AF Lt Gen Leo Marquez winner

MSgt Donald Erden, 60 AMW SNCO of the Year, 2001

TSgt Virginia Storm, 60 AMW nominee for Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award

A1C Robert Page, 60 AMW Airman of the Quarter, Oct-Dec 01

#### Contributions to Team Travis

Earned \$1,400 for Travis Fisher House competing in Viking Challenge 02

6 members serve on Travis Honor Guard

Warrior Motorcycle Run and Safety Clinic

29 Toys for Tots volunteers

Over 300 off-duty hours donated to Solano County Food Bank



Archive photo

Members of the 60th Component Repair Squadron provide vital repair services for Travis' 37 C-5's.

## 60th AMW quarterly award winners



Staff Sgt. Michelle Almarode of the 60th Communications Squadron is the **60th Air Mobility Wing's Airman of the Quarter**. She was recognized for her efforts in leading a team to fix 1,086 vulnerabilities, which resulted in increased office efficiency. She also created a computer-tracking list that cut time locating computers by 90 percent. Almarode also revised master training task plan and a continuity book for her job duties, expediting training by five days. Almarode has also been working toward her Community College of the Air Force degree and has completed a Windows 2000 Network Essentials course incorporating training information. Almarode has also spent her time volunteering to cook for the Fisher House.



Tech Sgt. James Miller of the 60th Aircraft Generation Squadron is the **60th Air Mobility Wing's NCO of the Quarter**. He was recognized for managing a 980-bin aircraft spare part hardware inventory. He has also spent time implementing a training and inspection program to improve sortie generation support. Miller has also revamped a flight recall process by training personnel during recall exercises providing 100 percent availability. Miller has also earned his associates degree in Avionics Systems Technology through the Community College of the Air Force while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. He is currently working on a Bachelor's degree in Management of Technical Operations through Embry-Riddle University.



Master Sgt. David Lamm of the 60th Security Forces Squadron is the **60th Air Mobility Wing's Senior NCO of the Quarter**. He was recognized for spearheading a mass weapons training for a base wide deployment of troops deploying in a support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He has also spent his time performing weekend block instructor duties for an under-manned weapons qualification section. Lamm also managed an annual self-inspection overseeing five sections that worked to reduce discrepancies by 50 percent. Lamm has also been working toward a Bachelor's degree while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. He has also attended Verbal Judo, Management of Aggressive Behavior, and Advanced Search Techniques classes.



First Lt. Joshua Tyler of the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron is the **60th Air Mobility Wing's Junior CGO of the Quarter**. Tyler was recognized for his efforts to establish the nation's first ever-Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Defense Mobility Center. Tyler has also spearheaded an acquisition and installation of a 300,000-dollar base warning system that enhanced base protection and security. He also has planned and executed monthly five-day field exercises resulting in 246 Civil Engineer Squadron members to be trained and ready. Tyler is also working towards a Master's degree in International Relations while maintaining a 3.8 grade point average.



Capt. Jeffrey Hayden of the 60th Aircraft Generation Squadron is the **60th Air Mobility Wing's Company Grade Officer of the Quarter**. Hayden was recognized for his efforts in leading an Air Mobility Command flight with 250 mechanics. His flight is tasked with working 19 C-5's worth 3 billion dollars. He also spent time directing airfield operations at a classified location for Operation Anaconda. Hayden also coordinated host nation support agreement for a high profile Vice Presidential visit. Hayden has also taken time to enroll in a KC-10 Command Aircraft Systems Training. He was also trained as the lead maintenance officer for the wing disaster control group.



Edward Emmons of the 60th Contracting Squadron is the **60th Air Mobility Wing's Civilian Employee of the Quarter**. Emmons was recognized for managing a 20 million dollar simplified acquisition of Base Engineering Requirements contract. He has also provided customer support by directing key construction projects to all units assigned to Travis. He also worked with the 60th Security Forces Squadron to build a kennel facility. Emmons also negotiated an 80,000-dollar renovation contract for the 615th Air Mobility Operations Group headquarters building. He is also self-taught on the Standard Procurement System and maintains an Acquisition Professional Development Program Level II certification.



John Minker of the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron is the **60th Air Mobility Wing's Civilian Manager of the Quarter**. Minker was recognized for his performance in managing the entire low-voltage electrical operations and maintenance base wide. He also reduced an extensive electrical backlog by 40 percent while budgeting scarce funds. Minker has coordinated weekend airfield maintenance to minimize impact of the 60th AMW flight schedule. Minker has also been pursuing an Undergraduate degree in Finance with a Minor in economics at Sacramento University. Along with pursuing a degree, he has also initiated an in-shop mentorship program fostering junior NCO's with acquired career field knowledge.

Tech. Sgt. Duane Presing, an information management specialist stationed at the Pentagon, puts the PureEdge software through its paces during a demonstration at the Pentagon.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi / AFPN

## FormFlow replaced

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials at the Pentagon recently approved a plan to acquire a new information management tool software package that will replace the FormFlow program used for more than a decade.

After nearly a year of extensive testing and research into ways to improve form support to warfighters, the Air Force departmental publishing office has selected PureEdge Solutions as this replacement technology. The program is a "quantum leap" over previous ways users processed data or exchanged information, said Carolyn J. Watkins-Taylor, AFDPO director.

"We recognize now more than ever that any modernization program we initiate must include methods of providing our warfighters with an optimal level of support," Watkins-Taylor said. "We are excited at the potential opportunities that this kind of cutting-edge technology can provide, especially when it translates into a more efficient and effective support method."

An information management tool, or IMT, is simply a form, but one that is far more advanced and user-friendly than the old FormFlow versions, Watkins-Taylor said.

Immediate benefits of the new software and its IMTs include digital signatures, document routing, online or stand-alone mode and the ability to package a form and all related data into a single file. With FormFlow, the form and the data were separate elements, while with PureEdge, the IMT and the data always stay together.

"One of the main complaints about FormFlow is people say they keep losing their data," Watkins-Taylor said. "With this new solution they won't even have to look for the data because it will be with the document. The IMT maintains the integrity of the document with the data, and it also keeps any attachments that you might have."

Another benefit of the new software is that file sizes are kept to a minimum.

"The average IMT will be from 12 to 24 kilobytes, and that's small," Watkins-Taylor said. "With FormFlow, the file sizes ranged from 178 kilobytes to one megabyte, because you have the form and the data that had to go together. These smaller file sizes mean they won't use up as much bandwidth, which is a concern to the warfighter."

The technology was demonstrated at the Pentagon in early July. More than 100 people used the program to complete some common Air Force IMTs, and their reactions were very positive.

"You dream about things like this and to finally see it now is wonderful," said Tech. Sgt. Duane Presing, an information manager with Air Force financial management who has used forms on a daily basis for 20 years. "This is leaps and bounds over what we've ever had in the past. I'm very happy the Air Force is replacing FormFlow and can't wait to use the new system."

The wait will not be long. Watkins-Taylor said the goal is to start Phase 1 on Aug. 15, when the 100 most commonly used Air Force forms will be converted to IMTs and made ready for use, with the remaining forms converted in the coming months. Phase 2 will focus on building partnerships with functional areas throughout the Air Force to examine how IMTs can improve business processes.

"We're changing our whole approach to focus on content and user interaction," said Bruce Lyman, lead architect for the Air Force's transition to PureEdge. "The primary goal is to make things easier on the user and easier on Air Force by replacing an obsolete system. We're taking a content approach rather than just worrying about what the forms or the little boxes look like. The PureEdge technology allows us to do all of this and more."

### Phone numbers to know

#### Hospital

423-7300

#### Lodging

437-0700

#### Military Personnel

424-2276

#### Family Support

424-2486

#### Legal

424-3251

#### Housing Maintenance

437-1230

#### Contracting

424-7711

#### Security Forces

424-3293

#### ITT

424-0969

#### Passenger Terminal

424-1854



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Linda Mann / 60th Services Squadron

**Important headliner:** Capt. Joshua Sill, left, won the July ATWIND prize of \$1,000 cash from Dell Computers. The check was presented to Sill July 29 by the deputy commander of the 60th Medical Group, Col. Fred Hannan, Jr. and the Services marketing director, Stephen Pierce. Sill, a resident in internal medicine at David Grant Medical Center, and his wife Julie, plan on using the prize money as part of the down payment on a new car.



## Message from the Air Force chief of staff

By Gen. John Jumper  
Air Force chief of staff



— GEN. JOHN JUMPER

Secretary Roche and I continue to be impressed and proud of the contributions all Air Force people are making to the success of our Air and Space Expeditionary Force. As I talk with airmen and their families around the world, I understand the stress and sacrifices our continuing high operations tempo levies on many of our people. The Secretary and I want to express our gratitude and admiration to everyone supporting this critical effort. A grateful American public recognize and appreciate your dedication and hard work as well.

As we continue to meet the daily demands of the AEF we remain committed to our goal of three-month AEF rotations. However, as we demobilize Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and release most AFSCs from Stop-Loss to meet end strength requirements, the available pool of deployable personnel will decrease. Consequently, people in cer-

tain career fields will exceed the three-month rotation target and their tours will be either 135 or 179 days. Presently, there are approximately 1600 Air Force members on extended tour lengths (ETL) and this number will increase in AEF 5/6 as we feel the effects of Demobilization and Stop-loss. We are absolutely committed to ensure our members on ETLs know who they are, and when they will redeploy.

We also remain committed to exploring every option available in order to alleviate the disconnect between extended tour lengths and our 3-month rotation goal. For example, we are: (1) asking combatant commanders to revalidate their deployment requirements; (2) increasing the pool of people postured to deploy; (3) examining the military-civilian-contractor force mix; (4) retraining people where possible; (5) increasing accessions into stressed career fields and; (6) adjusting the current AEF scheduling where, and when it makes sense.

I ask that you convey this message to your people and assure them that the Secretary and I will work hard to resolve these challenges. Thank you for all you are doing for America and our Air Force.

## Travis changes immunization services

By Tailwind staff

The 60th Medical Group is changing immunizations services here effective immediately. Patients are now required to get immunizations from their empanelled clinic where they receive routine medical care instead of the immunizations clinic. If patients do not know which clinic is their empanelled clinic, they can call the Tricare empanelment office at 423-2326/3488/2324 for assistance.

All patients requesting immunizations must present a valid identification card and immunization record.

Tuberculosis testing will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in all the clinics listed below during the posted routine immunizations. Exceptions include holidays, official down days, mandatory training days or on a Friday preceding a Monday holiday. TB tests require a return trip to the clinic at 48 to 72 hours after being placed. The test must be read on time or placed again.

Immunizations are available at specific clinics during the hours listed below.

» **Family Practice** — 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Yellow Fever: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday.

» **Primary Care** — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Yellow Fever: 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday.

» **Flight Medicine** — 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday. Yellow Fever: 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday.

**Note:** Pediatric patients 18 and younger receive immunizations at the pediatric clinic after being screened by their primary provider in flight medicine.

» **Internal Medicine** — 8 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Yellow Fever: 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday.

» **Pediatrics** — 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pediatric or youth immunizations only.

» **Immunizations** (for non-empanelled patients only) — 7:30 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Yellow Fever: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday.

## Announcements

### Wedding special

The Frame Shop is offering a Wedding Special for all custom framing of wedding memorabilia until the end of October. All newlyweds (married less than one year) get 10 percent off their order and all other couples get 5 percent off. Frame a wedding invitation and a picture of the bride and groom, a collage of wedding pictures or a shadow box including the bridal bouquet. With the lowest prices in town, your imagination is your only limitation. Call The Frame Shop at 424-2929 for more information.

### Tickets for teens

The Teen Zone has free tickets for teenage youth and their families for Aug. 17 when the Oakland A's take on the Chicago White Sox at Network Associates Coliseum at 1:05 p.m. For tickets, call Larry Williams at 424-3131.

## Services

### Today

▲ "1992 Days" at the Delta Breeze Club features a chicken tenders Atlanta dinner for two and complimentary glass of Travis wine (merlot, cabernet or chardonnay) for only \$19.92 from the casual dining menu in the lounges. Each diner gets an ATWIND passport stamp and an ATWIND game piece.

▲ The jazz party and super social hour is in the enlisted lounge from 4:30 to 9 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Call the DBC at 437-3711 for more information.

### Saturday

▲ Take a tour of the Napa Valley wine country with Outdoor Recreation from 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. Visit local wineries and quaint towns. Transportation is \$12 per person. Participants must be at least 21 with a valid ID for the wine tasting. Call Outdoor Rec. at 424-0970 for details.

### Monday

▲ Monday Night Football at the DBC begins at 5 p.m. Enjoy free snacks and drink specials while watching the game on the big screen TV. Sign up for a chance to win electronic and entertainment prizes each week from Complete Connections.

### Tuesday

▲ Join the Reno turn-around to the Silver Legacy casino from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Transportation is \$15 with \$10 cash

back. Call Outdoor Rec. at 424-0970 to reserve a seat.

### Wednesday

▲ "1992 Days" at the Travis Pizzeria means all Travis youth who are 10 years old get a free Pizzeria kid's meal with the purchase of an adult meal. Don't forget to pick up an ATWIND game piece and passport stamp.

▲ Teen Whitewater Rafting is from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. The cost is \$45 per person. Call the Teen Zone at 424-3131 for details.

### Thursday

▲ It's the last day to sign-up for the next frame and mat class at The Frame Shop from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 17 and 24. The \$30 fee covers materials. Call 424-2929 for more information.

## Family Support

### Monday

▲ Spouse employment orientation is 9 to 10 a.m. at the Family Support Center for newly arriving spouses, spouses returning to work or spouses wishing to explore new career opportunities. Tap into career focus networking, look at hundreds of job opportunities and learn about the career development classes at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

### Tuesday

▲ The skills and self assessment class is from 8 a.m. to noon for job seekers. Explore career paths based on personality type, skills, abilities and interests. Call 424-2486.

### Thursday

▲ A retirement planning workshop is Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▲ The home buying seminar is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ Sponsorship training class is from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

### Weekly

▲ If a crisis develops in your life and you don't know where to turn, see the FSC to help sort things out, provide further assistance if necessary or refer the appropriate agency. For an appointment call 424-2486.

▲ When expecting orders for a deployment or lengthy TDY, call 424-2486 to make an appointment with the Readiness Program manager. Information, coupons and support are available.

ness Program manager. Information, coupons and support are available.

▲ Meet with a relocation specialist at the FSC to help assess individual or family relocation needs. In addition to helping map out a plan, the specialist will make appropriate recommendations or referrals. For more details call 424-2486.

▲ Acquire the gift of time from caring for a family member with special needs. The Air Force Aid Society and Family Advocacy work together to help families who are eligible for respite care. Following an assessment to determine eligibility, funds are made available to families to hire someone for short periods of time to look after those who need care. For more information, contact the special needs identification and assessment coordinator at David Grant Medical Center at 423-5168.

## Family Advocacy

### NPSP service

The New Parent Support Program offers support, referral services, education and information on subjects such as pregnancy, childbirth, fatherhood, newborn care, mother/baby care, growth and development, playgroups, breast/bottle feeding, nursing mom's program and parenting. Participants also receive home or office visits, free books, tapes and CDs. This one time class is held Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Family Advocacy clinic at David Grant Medical Center. Call 423-5168.

### New dads boot camp

This is a program in which veterans (new fathers) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only and is currently recruiting dads with babies 3 months old or younger and soon-to-be dads. For more information, call 423-5168.

### Family wellness

Family Wellness class is held Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics include parents and children in healthy families, changes in children as they grow, solving family problems and passing on family values. Call FA to register at 423-5168.

### Parenting class

Common Sense Parenting is a program for parents of children 3 years old and older. Topics include effective praise for good behavior, how to prevent problems before they occur and how to stop problem behavior.



**Framed:** Caroline Ouzts Hay displays one of the wedding photographs she custom framed in The Frame Shop located in the Skills Development Center. For more information about custom framing, classes and specials, call 424-1338.

Classes are held at DGMC for five weeks. Call FA to register at 423-5168.

### Playgroups

Playgroups are for parents and their children at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The Toddlers Playgroup is held on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is the Time For Us Playgroup for children 3 to 5 years of age. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. is the Rattles To Raspberries Playgroup for infants up to 18 months old. Parents can network with other parents while the children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. For more information call 423-5168.

## Chapel

### Catholic services

▲ Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.

▲ Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

### Protestant services

▲ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise and worship service, Chapel Center.

▲ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.

▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

### Jewish services

First Fridays, 7 p.m., Sabbath services and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sabbath services are temporarily meeting off-base. Call 424-3217 for locations.

### Contemporary

Sundays, 5 p.m., Inside Out, Chapel Center. Children's program provided. For more information, contact Chaplain Herb Shao at 424-3943.

# Keeping cool

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo  
60th AMW Public Affairs

As temperatures rise, many members of Team Travis may be pulling out their beach towels and heading to the base pool. The warm weather is a welcome part of summer but it comes at a price — sizzling heat can endanger lives. Heat stress includes a broad range of heat-related illnesses such as cramps, exhaustion and stroke. Complications occur when the body cannot maintain itself at an appropriate, functional temperature due to high outer temperatures.

Several factors affect a person's risk of heat illness. The weather, which includes temperature, humidity and heat index, is very important. Other factors include physical condition, hydration, metabolic rate, clothing, activity level and acclimation. However, heat stress is caused by a combination of variables and can be difficult to predict.

In an effort to keep the body at a normal temperature, blood vessels expand to carry more blood to the upper layers of skin and away from active muscles, the brain and other vital organs. This can cause fatigue, confusion, fainting and even death.

"Since the weather changes so often here, it doesn't give our folks time to acclimate to it. Since this is the case, our team of folks are more likely to become heat stressed more quickly and not even be aware of it," said Staff Sgt. Mark Lytal, 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron unit deployment manager.

Preventing heat problems in the workplace is critical. Air Force members are also at risk because they may work in extreme environments, over extensive hours and using heavy, protective gear. If a worker shows any signs of heat stress, professional medical treatment should be used immediately.

"We try to get our folks primed and well-hydrated at least a day before we know we are going to be in the possible high heat stress environment," Lytal said. "Also we stress to constantly hydrate. During exercises, we make them drink, even if they are in the highest alert level with all of their gear on. Another thing we do is make them aware of the dangers and signs of heat stress so they can be looking out for each other. We also provide them with breaks to cool down and rest."

Heat stress is not limited to duty hours. It can also occur during recreational activities, especially on the playing field. There have been 15 high school heatstroke deaths in football from 1995 through the 2001 season, according to the National Federation of State High School Association. Perhaps one of the most well-known heatstroke tragedies involved Minnesota Vikings lineman Corey Stringer, who died Aug. 1, 2001, after collapsing on the second day of the team's training camp.

Heat stress is preventable if all of Team Travis help protect each other. For more information, go to [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).



**Need information or  
telephone numbers?**

**Call the base operator at  
424-1110.**

## DEPLOYMENTS / From Page 3

standing up 14 additional expeditionary air bases, we have some work to do to make sure we have enough people in all the right career fields. There are two ongoing studies which are quantifying the help needed in numerous career fields."

Some of the work to be done to help the stressed career fields is to increase the pool of those qualified to deploy, and to seek to balance the workload and "stressors" between the respective specialties.

"Currently, we have about 175,000 positions postured in the AEF library that the AEF Center looks at on a daily basis to fill requirements," Peppe said. "That number has

increased by about 3,000 in the last six weeks by having all commands and organizations identify positions and personnel who previously were not postured in the AEF library. These people are now eligible to go on an AEF deployment."

Peppe said the total force is working to fill AEF requirements.

"Of the approximately 2,000 people who currently have been identified to deploy longer than three months, some are from the Reserve or Guard who have volunteered and are a big help," Peppe said. "We shouldn't forget that the reserve component continues to pull its fair share of the requirements."

# Bluesuiter plays for Cleveland Browns

By John Van Winkle  
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

BEREA, Ohio — An Air Force Academy football coach put on the shoulder pads to play for the pros this week.

Second Lt. Ben Miller, junior varsity offensive line coach for the Air Force Academy Falcons football team, reported to the Cleveland Browns training camp recently.

Miller, a two-year starter at left tackle for the Air Force Academy, was signed as an undrafted free agent April 26 by the Cleveland Browns. The Browns then converted the 6' 3", 250-pound collegiate left tackle to H-back.

"The H-back position is a hybrid between a fullback and tight end," said Miller.

Since the team has no bonafide fullbacks on its roster, the H-back experiment of last season will continue this year, supplemented by formations that use two tight ends. For Miller, who was a tight end in high school, the position change means getting the ball back in his hands for the first time in four years.

"The hard part of it has been learning the routes for the passing game, just learning how to read the coverages, what the linebacker's doing, which way you have to cut off of him, just the little intricacies of the offense at playing a receiver more than just playing the offensive line," he said. "It's so much more complex."

Miller is also receiving extensive work in practice as the long snapper for special teams. That role is currently filled for the Browns by 30-year old defensive lineman Ryan Kuehl, who practices exclusively with the kickers and punters. The Browns are grooming Miller as a possible replacement for Kuehl in the future.

But for this year, Miller will only be available to the Browns through the first preseason game. As a 2002 Air Force Academy graduate, Miller has a five year service commitment. After two years on active duty, he can switch over to the reserves if he makes the Browns

roster, but will triple his remaining service commitment in doing so.

It is on the 2004 Cleveland Browns that Miller has set his sights.

"If I want to make the team in two years, I think it's good to be here and give everybody a good first impression, and do as well as I can in the limited reps I'm going to get because I can't play this season," said Miller.

His priority is to not make any mental mistakes and shine when he gets the opportunity in camp, he added.

Cleveland is also a homecoming for Miller.

"I grew up here, and feel like I've been a Brown my whole life and now I actually get to play on the team, so it's going to be an awesome two weeks for me."

Service academy graduates like Miller face additional challenges trying to make it in the NFL, with multiyear active-duty commitments to the military, having to take leave from the military to attend minicamps and preseason training camp, facing the possibility of being recalled to active duty to carry out their wartime missions, and being unavailable to play during the first two seasons after graduation. But the Air Force remains his first commitment, Miller said.

"There's no bigger commitment than the commitment to your country that every person in the military has," said Miller. "If I'm lucky enough to make the team in two years, that'll just be another way to represent the Air Force."

Cleveland head coach Butch Davis already knows the commitment a service academy graduate brings to the gridiron, and has several reasons for bringing Miller into camp.

"He deserves the opportunity to be in training camp," said Davis. "We're excited about having Ben. He's a very very talented deep snapper and an extraordinary young man. And there will come a day when he will have to make that commitment where he'll have to stay in the Air Force and pursue that as a career or will opt out."

"We had similar success with Chad Hennings when I was with the Dallas



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Second Lt. Ben Miller, center, talks with running back Autry Denson (No. 44), during Cleveland Browns training camp July 26. Miller, junior varsity offensive line coach for the Air Force Academy Falcons football team, signed as a free agent in April.

Cowboys," said Davis.

Hennings is a 1988 academy grad and defensive lineman, who Davis coached while serving as Cowboy's defensive coordinator for the 1993 and 1994 seasons.

"He was a super football player, won the Lombardi trophy, and had 19 sacks," he said. "He had a significant [military] commitment, he had actually flown in Desert Storm and all of the sudden the government changed the policies and said 'anyone who wants out of the military can leave early.' And so Chad left early and was part of two Super Bowl teams."

Miller and Hennings are not the only academy graduates to pursue a career in the National Football league. Bryce Fisher, a 1999 academy grad, plays defensive end for the Buffalo Bills, and 1997 academy graduate Chris Gizzi to played linebacker for the Green Bay Packers up until recently. Meanwhile, 2002 academy graduate Matt Farmer is attending training camp with the New

York Jets as a wide receiver.

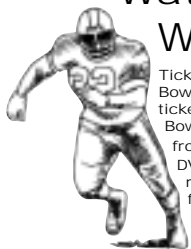
That academy alumni experience is something Miller tapped into prior to training camp.

"I talked to Chris Gizzi before I came, and I think he just recently got released by Green Bay, because he's got a bad back," said Miller. "I'd like to call him and talk to him again, and see how he's doing. He just kind of told me what to expect. I mean it's obviously different for every team. And I talked to Matt Farmer. I haven't talked to Bryce [Fisher], but I'll see him up in Buffalo next week."

Miller will be in the Cleveland Browns training camp through their first preseason game on Aug. 10 with the Minnesota Vikings. After the Vikings game, he will exchange his Cleveland Browns jersey for his Air Force uniform and return to active duty at the Air Force Academy. There he will serve as a graduate assistant for a year, and then move on to a job in the acquisitions career field.

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## Parent/child golf tournament results in

### 60th Services Squadron

Cypress Lakes hosted a very successful family golfing event on July 27, pitting parent-child teams against each other. Each golfer received lunch, two golf balls and tees.

There were 19 two-person teams in the 9-hole, select-shot tournament.

"The players had a great time and everyone said they hoped we would be doing it again next year," said Cypress Lakes manager, Debbie Joyce. "It has grown from eight teams last year to 19 teams this year."

The winners of the tournament were:

### ► 8- and 9-year-olds category:

1st Place — Ethan and John Kinyon  
2nd Place — Jeremy and David Anderson

### ► 10- and 11-year-old category:

1st Place — Michael and Curt Maley  
2nd Place — Britany and Nancy Flavel  
3rd Place — Travis and Norm Stout  
► 12-, 13-, 14- and 15-year-old category:  
1st Place — Steven and David Johnston  
2nd Place — Justin Flavel and Joe Pires

3rd Place (tie) — David and Sean Varsity  
3rd Place — Jessica and Craig Johnson

► Adam Louis won the drawing for the junior golf clubs.